

CIVIL CASE INFORMATION SHEET
2016-20155 / Court: 113

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STYLED SILVIA MARTINEZ VS TYSON FOODS, INC.
 (e.g., John Smith v. All American Insurance Co; In re Mary Ann Jones; In the Matter of the Estate of George Jackson)

A civil case information sheet must be completed and submitted when an original petition or application is filed to initiate a new civil, family law, probate, or mental health case or when a post-judgment petition for modification or motion for enforcement is filed in a family law case. The information should be the best available at the time of filing.

1. Contact information for person completing case information sheet:		Names of parties in case:	Person or entity completing sheet is:
Name: Jeff Musslewhite	Email: Jeff@lbjmlaw.com	Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s): Silvia Martinez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Se Plaintiff/Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Title IV-D Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Address: 1770 St. James Pl #100	Telephone: 281-810-8780		Additional Parties in Child Support Case:
City State/Zip: Houston, Tx 77056	Fax: 888-599-4109	Defendant(s) Respondent(s): Tyson Foods, Inc.	Custodial Parent: Non-Custodial Parent: Presumed Father:
Signature: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	State Bar No: 24041555		
[Attach additional page as necessary to list all parties]			

2. Indicate case type, or identify the most important issue in the case (select only 1):

<i>Civil</i>			<i>Family Law</i>	
Contract	Injury or Damage	Real Property	Marriage Relationship	Post-judgment Actions (non-Title IV-D)
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Debt Contract</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer DTPA <input type="checkbox"/> Debt Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud/Misrepresentation <input type="checkbox"/> Other Debt Contract: <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Foreclosure</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Home Equity—Expedited <input type="checkbox"/> Other Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Franchise <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord/Tenant <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Competition <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other Contract: <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Assault/Battery <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Defamation <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Malpractice</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting <input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Medical <input type="checkbox"/> Other Professional Liability: <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle Accident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Premises <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Product Liability</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Silica <input type="checkbox"/> Other Product Liability List Product: <input type="checkbox"/> Other Injury or Damage: <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eminent Domain/Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> Partition <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet Title <input type="checkbox"/> Trespass to Try Title <input type="checkbox"/> Other Property: <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annulment <input type="checkbox"/> Declare Marriage Void <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Divorce</i> <input type="checkbox"/> With Children <input type="checkbox"/> No Children <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Modification—Custody <input type="checkbox"/> Modification—Other <input type="checkbox"/> Title IV-D <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement/Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity <input type="checkbox"/> Reciprocals (UIFSA) <input type="checkbox"/> Support Order <input type="checkbox"/>
Employment	Related to Criminal Matters			Other Family Law
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Tax	Probate & Mental Health			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Appraisal <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Delinquency <input type="checkbox"/> Other Tax <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Probate Wills/Intestate Administration</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Other Estate Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/> Declaratory Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> Garnishment <input type="checkbox"/> Interpleader <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Mandamus <input type="checkbox"/> Post-judgment <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship—Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship—Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/>			

3. Indicate procedure or remedy, if applicable (may select more than 1):

<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal from Municipal or Justice Court <input type="checkbox"/> Arbitration-related <input type="checkbox"/> Attachment <input type="checkbox"/> Bill of Review <input type="checkbox"/> Certiorari <input type="checkbox"/> Class Action <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Declaratory Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> Garnishment <input type="checkbox"/> Interpleader <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Mandamus <input type="checkbox"/> Post-judgment <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prejudgment Remedy <input type="checkbox"/> Protective Order <input type="checkbox"/> Receiver <input type="checkbox"/> Sequestration <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Restraining Order/Injunction <input type="checkbox"/> Turnover <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Indicate damages sought (do not select if it is a family law case):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$100,000, including damages of any kind, penalties, costs, expenses, pre-judgment interest, and attorney fees <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$100,000 and non-monetary relief <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$100,000 but not more than \$200,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$200,000 but not more than \$1,000,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Over \$1,000,000 <input type="checkbox"/>		



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1. NAME: Tyson Foods, Inc. _____

ADDRESS: 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201 _____

AGENT, (if applicable): CT Corporation System, _____

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ATTORNEY (OR ATTORNEY'S AGENT) REQUESTING SERVICE:

NAME: Jeff Musslewhite TEXAS BAR NO./ID NO. 24041555 _____

MAILING ADDRESS: 1770 St. James Place, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77056 _____

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SILVIA MARTINEZ <i>Plaintiff,</i>	§ § § § § §	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS JUDICIAL DISTRICT
VS.	§ § § § §	
TYSON FOODS, INC. <i>Defendant,</i>	§	

**PLAINTIFF SILVIA MARTINEZ'S ORIGINAL PETITION, REQUESTS FOR
DISCLOSURE AND RULE 193.7 NOTICE**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, SILVIA MARTINEZ, hereinafter referred to as Plaintiff, and files this lawsuit against TYSON FOODS, INC., hereinafter referred to as Defendant, and in support thereof, for cause of action would respectfully show this Honorable Court as follows:

**I.
DISCOVERY AND DOCKET CONTROL**

1.1 Plaintiff requests that Discovery be conducted under Level II of TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. Plaintiff hereby requests that the parties to the lawsuit be permitted to enter an agreed docket control order to schedule the deadlines of the instant action.

**II.
PARTIES**

2.1 Plaintiff, SILVIA MARTINEZ, is a resident citizen of Houston, Harris County, Texas.

2.2 Defendant, **TYSON FOODS, INC.** is a foreign for profit Corporation doing business in the State of Texas, and may be served by serving **CT CORPORATION SYSTEM, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201.**

III.
JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3.1 This Court has jurisdiction in this matter because the damages to Plaintiff are within the jurisdictional limits of this Court.

3.2 All or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in Harris County. Therefore, venue is proper pursuant to §15.001 and §15.002(a) (1) of the TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE & REMEDIES CODE.

3.3 All other conditions precedent to the filing of this suit have been met.

IV.
FACTUAL BACKGROUND

4.1 This case arises from an on the job injury caused by the negligent acts of the Defendants. Nothing Plaintiff did caused or contributed to this occurrence.

4.2 On or about October 24, 2015, Plaintiff Silvia Martinez was involved in a serious injury-producing incident, wherein she was caused to suffer injuries to her both legs and ankles. At the time of this injury-producing incident, Ms. Martinez was working at the Tyson Foods, Inc. at 300 Portall Street in Houston, Texas. At the time of this incident, Plaintiff was an employee of Defendant and was in the course and scope of her employment. While preparing to end her shift, she was caused to slip and fall down a flight of stairs that were poorly lit and hand no handrails. As a result of her injury, Plaintiff has been forced to undergo months of medical treatment for the fractures sustained to both of her legs and ankles.

V.

**NEGLIGENCE CAUSES OF ACTION AGAINST
DEFENDANT TYSON FOODS, INC.**

5.1 Defendant Tyson Foods, Inc. was the employer of Plaintiff Silvia Martinez and responsible for the safety of Plaintiff. At all times material to this lawsuit, Plaintiff was an employee of Defendant Tyson Foods, Inc. and was acting within the course and scope of her employment with Defendant Tyson Foods, Inc. As a non-subscriber to the Texas Workers Compensation Act, Defendant Tyson Foods, Inc. is deprived of certain common law defenses including, but not limited to, asserting any comparative fault of Plaintiff, Silvia Martinez.

5.2 The independent conduct of this Defendant constitutes negligence. Such negligent acts and omissions include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. failing to provide a reasonably safe place to work;
- b. failing to provide the proper equipment or tools for Plaintiff on the date of her injury;
- c. failing to properly assess the work place where Plaintiff was required to work for danger;
- d. failing to provide adequate lighting in the stair well at the time of Plaintiff's injury;
- e. failing to provide the necessary equipment, including hand rails in the stair well, for Plaintiff to perform her job safely;
- f. failing to act as a reasonable and prudent employer under the same or similar circumstances;
- g. failing to adhere to Texas Labor Code § 411.103, DUTY OF EMPLOYER TO PROVIDE SAFE WORKPLACE. Which states that each employer

shall: (1) provide and maintain employment and a place of employment that is reasonably safe and healthful for employees; (2) install, maintain, and use methods, processes, devices, and safeguards, including methods of sanitation and hygiene, that are reasonably necessary to protect the life, health, and safety of the employer's employees; and (3) take all other actions reasonably necessary to make the employment and place of employment safe, and

h. in such other ways to be shown at or before the time of trial.

5.3 The foregoing acts and omissions, singularly and collectively, on the part of this Defendant constituted negligence and such negligence was a proximate cause of the occurrence made basis of this suit and Plaintiff's injuries and damages.

VI.
GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF
DEFENDANT TYSON FOODS, INC.

6.1 Defendant Tyson Foods, Inc. was grossly negligent in failing to provide a reasonably safe place to work as required under the laws of the State of Texas. Defendant Tyson Foods, Inc. grossly negligent conduct was a proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries and damages.

6.2 The conduct of this Defendant, which when viewed objectively from the standpoint of this Defendant at the time of its occurrence, involved an extreme degree of risk, considering the probability and magnitude of the potential harm to others. This Defendant had actual, subjective awareness of the risk involved, but nevertheless proceeded with conscious indifference to the rights, safety and welfare of others. Consequently, this Defendant's conduct

constitutes gross negligence. Such gross negligence was a proximate cause of the occurrence and Plaintiff's resulting injuries and damages.

6.3 This Defendant's acts and omissions constitute gross negligence. Such grossly negligent acts and omissions include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. failing to provide a reasonably safe place to work;
- b. failing to provide the proper equipment or tools for Plaintiff on the date of her injury;
- c. failing to properly assess the work place where Plaintiff was required to work for danger;
- d. failing to provide adequate lighting in the stair well at the time of Plaintiff's injury;
- e. failing to provide the necessary equipment, including hand rails in the stair well, for Plaintiff to perform her job safely;
- f. failing to act as a reasonable and prudent employer under the same or similar circumstances;
- g. failing to provide and maintain employment and a place of employment as is required in Texas Labor Code § 411.103, DUTY OF EMPLOYER TO PROVIDE SAFE WORKPLACE that is reasonably safe and healthful for employees; install, maintain, and use methods, processes, devices, and safeguards, including methods of sanitation and hygiene, that are reasonably necessary to protect the life, health, and safety of the employer's employees; and take all other actions reasonably necessary to make the employment and place of employment safe, and

h. in such other ways to be shown at or before the time of trial.

6.4 Plaintiff would show that the foregoing acts of gross negligence on the part of the Defendant, either collectively or singularly, caused the injuries and damages suffered by Plaintiff and that same constituted gross negligence.

VII.
DAMAGES

7.1 As a result of the negligent acts of Defendants, Plaintiff Silvia Martinez incurred necessary hospital and medical expenses and will continue to incur medical expenses in connection with said injuries for an undetermined length of time in the future.

7.2 As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants, Plaintiff Silvia Martinez suffered severe injuries and extreme physical pain, suffering and mental anguish, physical incapacity and in all probability, Plaintiff Silvia Martinez will be forced to endure physical pain, suffering, mental anguish and physical incapacity for an undetermined length of time and probably for the remainder of her life. In the incident made the basis of this suit, Plaintiff suffered serious and permanent fractures to both of her legs. Plaintiff was forced to undergo extensive medical treatment in order to treat the injuries sustained. Plaintiff Silvia Martinez continues to require ongoing medical treatment and in reasonable probability will continue to require medical treatment for the rest of her life due to the permanent nature of her injuries.

7.3 All damages sought by Plaintiff Silvia Martinez include damages that were sustained in the past, and that, in reasonable probability, will be sustained in the future. Plaintiff Silvia Martinez seeks both pre-judgment and post judgment interest as allowed by law, for all costs of Court, and all other relief, both at law and in equity. Therefore, Plaintiff Leal will seek

to recover all damages allowed by law, not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 including any damages to compensate her for the following:

- a. all necessary medical care expenses in the past;
- b. all necessary medical care expenses and assistance that, in reasonable probability, Silvia Martinez will sustain in the future;
- c. physical pain and suffering in the past;
- d. physical pain and suffering that, in reasonable probability, she will sustain in the future;
- e. mental anguish in the past;
- f. mental anguish that, in reasonable probability, Silvia Martinez will sustain in the future;
- g. physical impairment in the past;
- h. physical impairment that, in reasonable probability, Silvia Martinez will sustain in the future;
- i. disfigurement in the past;
- j. disfigurement that, in reasonable probability, Silvia Martinez will sustain in the future;
- k. any and all necessary, long term care and assistance in the future; and
- l. punitive damages.

VIII.
EXEMPLARY DAMAGES

8.1 Defendants' actions and violations described above constitute gross negligence pursuant to Texas statutes and ordinances that govern safety in the workplace. Plaintiff would further show that, collectively and singularly, Defendants' conduct constitutes gross negligence

and conscious indifference as those terms are defined and interpreted under Texas law. As such, Plaintiff is entitled to recover and hereby sue for the recovery of punitive damages to punish Defendants and to deter similar future conduct.

8.2 Further, Plaintiff Silvia Martinez alleges that her injuries were directly and proximately caused by the gross negligence, conscious indifference and utter disregard for the safety and welfare of the Plaintiff on the part of the Defendants. Plaintiff Silvia Martinez requests that the award for this wrongdoing be a reasonable amount that would deter Defendants and others from committing like offenses and wrongs in the future. Plaintiff alleges that if each of the acts of negligence set forth did not independently constitute gross negligence, then certainly all of the acts of negligence, combined and in the aggregate, constitutes gross negligence and were the proximate cause of the Plaintiff's injuries and resulting damages.

8.3 Plaintiff alleges that the provision within Section 41.008(b) of the TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE limiting the amount of exemplary damages assessed against Defendants to two (2) times the amount of economic damages plus an amount equal to any noneconomic damages found by the jury, not to exceed \$750,000, or \$200,000, whichever is greater, is unconstitutional, as it violates:

- a. SECTION ONE OF THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, which guarantees due process and equal protection;
- b. ARTICLE ONE, SECTION THREE OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION, which guarantees equal protection of the laws;
- c. ARTICLE ONE, SECTION THIRTEEN OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION, which guarantees access to open courts for every person for an injury done him, and that each such person shall have remedy by due course of law;

- d. ARTICLE ONE, SECTION NINETEEN OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION, which guarantees due course of law;
- e. ARTICLE TWO, SECTION ONE OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION, which prohibits any one of the three branches of government from exercising any power properly attached to either of the others, specifically, prohibiting the legislature from exercising power properly attached to the judiciary;
- f. ARTICLE THREE, SECTION FIFTY-SIX OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION, which prohibits the legislature from passing any local or special law authorizing limitation of civil actions; and
- g. ARTICLE ONE, SECTION FIFTEEN, AND ARTICLE FIVE, SECTION TEN OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION, which guarantee the right to trial by jury in civil cases.

IX.
REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE

9.1 Pursuant to Rule 194, of the TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, request is made that each Defendant disclose, within fifty (50) days of service of this request, the information or material described in Rule 194.2 (a)-(l). Each Defendant must serve a written response to these Requests for Disclosure on Plaintiff within fifty (50) days after the service of this request.

X.
RULE 193.7 NOTICE

10.1 Plaintiff hereby puts Defendants on notice that Plaintiff intends to use Defendants' discovery responses as evidence at trial in accordance with such right and privileges established by TEXAS RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 193.7.

XI.
JURY DEMAND

11.1 Pursuant to Rule 216 of the TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, Plaintiff respectfully request and demands a trial by jury.

XII.
PRAYER

12.1 WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays that the Defendants be cited to appear and answer herein as the law directs, and that upon final hearing, and that Plaintiff have and recover judgment of and from the Defendants not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 pursuant to the above and foregoing allegations in such amounts as hereinabove set out and as the evidence may show proper at the time of trial, together with interest thereon at the legal rate, costs of Court, and for such other and further relief, both general and special, at law and in equity, to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,
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§ IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Plaintiff,

§ OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

v.

TYSON FOODS, INC.,

§ 113th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Defendant.

DEFENDANT TYSON FOODS, INC.'S ORIGINAL ANSWER

Defendant, Tyson Foods, Inc. ("Defendant"), files its Original Answer and states the following:

I.
GENERAL DENIAL

1. Defendant denies each and every, all and singular, the material allegations contained within Plaintiff's pleading and demands strict proof thereof.

II.
SPECIAL EXCEPTION

2. Defendant specially excepts to *Plaintiff's Original Petition and Requests for Disclosure* in its entirety because Plaintiff has pled for the recovery of monetary damages but has failed to specify the total amount of damages which they seek to recover pursuant to the specific requirements of Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 47(c). Further, a party that fails to comply with Rule 47(c) may not conduct discovery until the party's pleading is amended to comply. Defendant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Court sustains this special exception and order Plaintiff to re-plead and identify with specificity the total amount of damages in

accordance with Rule 47(c). Should Plaintiff refuse or fail to cure this defect, Defendant prays the Court will strike *Plaintiff's Original Petition and Requests for Disclosure* in its entirety.

III.
JURY DEMAND

3. In accordance with Rule 216 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant demands a trial by jury.

Defendant, Tyson Foods, Inc., prays that Plaintiff take nothing by this suit, and that Defendant goes hence with its costs without delay, and for such other and further relief, both general and special, at law and in equity, to which Defendant may show itself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

KANE RUSSELL COLEMAN & LOGAN PC

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this the 9th day of May 2016, a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument is being served on all counsel of record, as follows:

VIA E-SERVICE

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/s/ Zach T. Mayer

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